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2023 SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL TANNER CRAB AND GOLDEN KING CRAB SEASONS

This announces the registration process, opening date, and registration deadline for the 2023 commercial Tanner and golden king crab fisheries in Southeast Alaska.

Permit holders are recommended to verify that their Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission permit card and vessel license are valid for the 2023 season prior to registering for the fishery. Questions about specific area office registration procedures or buoy tag sales should be directed to your local area office at the following phone numbers or emails listed below:

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The 2023 commercial Tanner and golden king crab fisheries in Southeast Alaska will open by regulation at **12:00 noon on Sunday, February 12, 2023**. The season start date for the Tanner and golden king crab fisheries is based on the date with the smallest Juneau tidal range between February 10 and February 17 [5 AAC 35.110(a) and 5 AAC 34.110(b)]. Permit holders are reminded that any delay to the start of the Tanner and golden king crab fisheries due to weather will be announced 24 hours before the start of the fisheries [5 AAC 35.110(b) and 5 AAC 34.110(f)].

The registration deadline for both fisheries is **Friday, January 13, 2023**. Permit holders who register after that date will be required to pay a \$45.00 late fee [Sec 16.05.065]. Buoy tags are mandatory for all commercial Tanner and golden king crab gear and are available by appointment at Alaska Department of Fish and Game area offices in Southeast Alaska for \$1.25 each.

Further information on the 2023 Tanner crab and golden king crab fisheries will be announced in subsequent advisory announcements.

Advisory announcement web site: http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main.

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